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1. There were three MVD clubs in Moscow. The largest was located in the MVD building on Dzerzhinskaya ulitsa, building #12. The front of this building was ten stories high. The first six floors were open on the inside, forming a high dome. The last four floors were used for offices. On the Kuznetskiy Most side, the building was 14 stories high; the upper four stories contained communications offices for the MVD. The opposite side of the building was only eight floors high. 25X1
2. The club was situated in the front part of the building. A sign on the door read, "Central Club MGB USSR imeni Dzerzhinskogo".<sup>1</sup> Entry to the club was permitted only upon presentation of identity cards. Dependents of MVD officers could also attend, but they had to carry special passes containing their photographs and an official seal. 25X1
3. The club was organized in the early 1930's. Its director at that time was a senior lieutenant who was arrested with Abakumov. The club offered its members recreation and services as well as political indoctrination. There were no dues or fees except for meals and drinks. 25X1
4. The club had two halls, one seating 1,500, the other seating about 250. Daily lectures were offered on subjects such as Soviet history and politics. Movies were shown in the large hall at 1730, 1930 and 2130 daily. Evening concerts, in which important Moscow artists took part, were given often. In addition, the halls were used for political Party meetings and operational meetings. They were decorated with political posters and exhibits.

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5. There were two restaurants, a bar and grill, a large dance hall, a library, a pool hall with six large tables, a chess club, and a photography laboratory. A pistol and small caliber rifle range was located in the basement. The club operated a financial loan department for members in need of extra money, a post office, and labor union offices.
6. Most MVD members used the club and thousands visited it every month. Abakumov Khrushchey, Kuznetsov, Shatalin and other important officials were regular visitors.<sup>2</sup> Because of heavy drinking by some members, Abakumov attempted a number of times to stop the sale of vodka, but without success.
7. The second club was also on Dzerzhinskaya ulitsa, number 17 or 19, and bore the sign, "Officers Club MVD of the USSR". Admission procedures were the same here as at club #1, and the same facilities were offered on a smaller scale.
8. The third club, called "House of Party Enlightenment", had no sign on the door and was located on ulitsa Zhdanova, house #16-18 or #20.

1.  Comment: It is not clear whether the name was changed to read MVD after March 1953 or whether the old name plate remained.

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2.  Comment: Kuznetsov is not further identified.

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